Mr. K. T. Mathew.—That you have already said.

President.—So that it is His Excellency the Viceroy. I don't consider the motion to be in order.

The motion was ruled out of order.

President.—The Secretary has got some grievance. He says this was handed over to him written *in pencil* instead of *in ink*.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It was written in the Council Hall.

President.—It must be written in ink. It should be kept as a record.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I hope it is not on that reason that this is disallowed.

President.—It is only after disallowing that I say. You should not pass such remarks that, because it is not written in ink, it was disallowed. The motion is not in order. My ruling has been made. This is an observation I made at the instance of the Legislative Council Secretary. You tell me that I disallowed the motion because it was not written in ink. That comes with a bad grace.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I shall write it in ink and bring it.

President.—That is the proper way instead of saying that I am rejecting these motions on these flimsy grounds.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, the reason for rejecting?

President.—That is because it is a statement made by His Excellency the Viceroy at the Banquet speech and you want to discuss it. I disallow it on that ground.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Under what section?

President.—Under section 11 of the Council Regulation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Can the Member question the ruling?

President.—It is a matter that I have considered very carefully.

Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code.

President.—Next Bills.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: *'That the Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code be taken up and passed'.*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be taken up and passed.

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Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: '*That the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be taken up and passed.*'

Question put and agreed to.

Caste and Religious Disabilities Removal Bill
(Mr. V. D. Ouseph.)

President.—Next motions for leave to introduce Bills.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce my "Caste and Religious Disabilities Removal Bill."

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—I second it.

President.—Any Member wishing to speak on this motion?

Motion for leave to introduce the Caste and Religious Disabilities Removal Bill put and agreed to.

Cochin Child Marriage Restraint Bill.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I beg to move for leave to introduce the Cochin Child Marriage Restraint Bill.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I second it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I oppose it.

President.—Any explanatory statement?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether sanction has been given under section 12 of the Council Regulation.

President.—Sanction was given.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—By way of explanatory statement, I shall be reading only here the Objects and Reasons stated in the Bill itself. But before I read it I shall refer to the objection that is sought to be raised. Of course it has been the convention, so far as I know, so far as this House is concerned, not to oppose a Bill of however controversial a nature it may be when leave is asked for to introduce the Bill.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The Chief Court Regulation Bill was opposed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—It was not opposed. I am only coming to another point in this instance. The Bill for which leave was just now granted, the Caste and Religious Disabilities Removal Bill, is, I am afraid, a more controversial Bill than the Bill which I am going to introduce for which I am asking leave.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Certainly not.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Now the opposer mainly raised objection on the ground that it is going to affect certain religious practices in the community to which he belongs. Probably I am only anticipating his reason, but if we examine the provisions or rather the only provision of the other Bill for which the House was good enough to grant leave,

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